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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A categorized speech-based interface system includes structure for delivering user prompts to users. The prompts include at least full prompts and tapered prompts. The interface further includes structure for determining the quantity of at least one of correct and incorrect responses to the prompts. The system delivers tapered prompts in response to the determination of a quantity of at least one of the correct and incorrect responses. A method for operating a categorized speech-based interface system is also disclosed.